



## Meeting Minutes

### Regional GIS User Group Meeting

Wednesday February 29, 2012

10:00AM - Noon

Amphitheater, Conference Level

#### Attendees:

Name	Position	Jurisdiction
James Abson	IT Team Lead	GDOT
David Adams	Branch Chief	GDOT
Shan Arora	Associate	Southface
Alia Awwad	Planner	Atlanta Regional Commission
Sam Baker	Planning & Policy Development Specialist	GDOT
Ryan Barrett	GIS Analyst	Atlanta Regional Commission
Nancy Bechler	Geographer	Census Bureau
Patrick Bradshaw	Planner	Atlanta Regional Commission
Ross Brewer	GIS Specialist II	City of Marietta
Andrew Bruce	Intern	MGIS
Jim Budd	GIS Data Administrator	Hall County
Sammie Carson	Planner	Atlanta Regional Commission
Melinda Davies	GIS Coordinator	City of Stockbridge
Pete Debick	GIS Manager	Carroll County
Stacy Doerr	GIS Analyst	Clayton County Water Authority
David D'Onofrio	Air Quality and Climate Change Planner	Atlanta Regional Commission
Dax Flinn	GIS Manager	City of Atlanta
David Giguere	Sr. GIS Analyst	Atlanta Regional Commission
Stacy Gear	Director	DeKalb County
Lynn Hale	GIS Technician	City of Fayetteville
Regan Hammond	Transit Planner	Atlanta Regional Commission
Jacob Harper	GIS Consultant	GDOT
John Hudler	GIS Consultant	GDOT
Tamaya Huff	Planner	GDOT
Scott Huffman	GIS Manager	City of Roswell
Joe Hurley	Maps and GIS Librarian	GSU
Jeffrey Johnson	GIS Data Manager	GDOT
Bryan Keller		Fayette County

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Mark Lane	GIS Manager	Hall County
Tim Lawrence	GIS Manager	City of Duluth
Steve Lewandowski	Transportation Planner	Atlanta Regional Commission
Tom Lucky	GIS Technical Coordinator	DeKalb County
Amy Ma		Georgia State Patrol
Tim Maguire	Sr. GIS Analyst	Atlanta Regional Commission
Sara Mayberry	GIS Specialist	City of Marietta
Keith McFadden	Physical Scientist / Geospatial Liaison for Georgia	USGS
Daryl Miller	GIS Coordinator	City of Marietta
Oliver Mohar	GIS	GDOT
Michael Morris	GIS Local Government Consultant	GDOT
Terry Moy	Manager	Clayton County Water Authority
Alicia Newberry	GIS/GPS Analyst	City of Woodstock
Emily Norton	GIS Manager	City of Woodstock
Michael Page	Coordinator, Geospatial Services, Emory University Libraries	Emory University
Rakesh Patel	GIS Consultant	GDOT
Raskmi P-Dawadi		GDOT
Michael Phillips	GIS Specialist III	Fulton County
Mathew Pierce	Graduate Student	Emory
Tim Poe	GIS Manager	Bartow County
James Pugsley	Senior Planner	Gwinnett County
Jack Reed	GIS Coordinator	GSU Department of Geosciences
Landon Reed	Transit Intern	Atlanta Regional Commission
Lynn Sandler	GIS Manager	Newton County
Tyler Schrampfer	GIS	Atlanta Regional Commission
John Sibley	Fellow	Southface
Ernie Smith	GIS Coordinator	Newton County
Bryan St. Mary	GIS Coordinator	Clayton County Water Authority
Angel Stark	GIS Technician	City of Roswell
Jacqueline Waits	GIS Technician	Bartow County
Kofi Wakhisi	Planner	Atlanta Regional Commission
Steven Wardrup		City of Alpharetta
Stephanie Washington	Transportation Demand Management	Atlanta Regional Commission
Marshall Willis	Research and GIS Intern	Atlanta Regional Commission
Stephanie Zell	GIS Analyst	City of Sandy Springs

## 1. Introduction

## 2. Updates and announcements

The following presentations were given by ARC staff and available at [atlantregional.com/rgug](http://atlantregional.com/rgug),

ARC 2012 Data Collection, *Tim Maguire*

Cooperative Imagery Purchase 2013, *Tim Maguire*

### Questions

*Q. Has the vendor list changed?*

A. The selection of the vendor from those who responded to the RFP is entirely up to the counties. The USGS has a separate preferred vendor list that we did not need to use for the last purchase. Another option available is to go through NOAA for the contract.

Ernie Smith, Newton County, noted that the NOAA has a stringent QAQC process where the data are highly scrutinized by an independent party.

Keith McFadden, USGS, noted that Columbus, Savannah, and Augusta are interested and could be included in the USGS contract. Keith also added that a statewide flyover would also be a great opportunity.

ARC GIS Training, *Paul DiGirolamo*

Paul DiGirolamo discussed the end of the ESRI certified training program after the next major version of ArcGIS is updated. Therefore, ARC will only be able to offer ESRI certified training through version 10.1. Upcoming trainings for local government staff or non-profits are posted to the ARC GIS training [webpage](#).

Other announcements

There were no other announcements from the group.

## 3. Regional Transit Data Warehouse and Open Source transit data

*Regan Hammond, ARC*

*Landon Reed, ARC*

Regan Hammond and Landon Reed presented on open source transit data and the Regional Transit Data Warehouse. This presentation is available at [atlantregional.com/rgug](http://atlantregional.com/rgug).

### Questions:

*Q. Did the effort in Boston involve contracts?*

A. No contracts were involved- all developed by 3<sup>rd</sup> parties at no cost to Boston.

*Q. Is GRTA involved with the Transit Data Warehouse?*

A. Yes, GRTA is involved.

**4. Data visualization and interactivity: leveraging SAP Crystal Dashboard Design (formerly XCelsius) and WEAVE (Web-based Analysis and Visualization Environment)**

*Marshal Willis, ARC*

Marshall Willis presented on data visualization. The presentation is available at [atlantaregional.com/rgug](http://atlantaregional.com/rgug).

*Q. Is the WEAVE code available for download to work with other data?*

A. Yes, the WEAVE code is free and available at the “github” website.

*Q. Are there any non-Flash based tools similar to these available?*

A. Not familiar with similar non-Flash based tools.

**5. Planning Atlanta: A New City in the Making, 1950s - 1980s, A GSU Digital Map Collection**

*Joe Hurley, Georgia State University*

Joe Hurley, GSU, presented on the University digital historic maps collection for the city of Atlanta. The presentation is available at [atlantaregional.com/rgug](http://atlantaregional.com/rgug).

*Q. Are there plans to expand the project outside the City of Atlanta?*

A. No plans at the moment, though we would be very interested in looking at expanding.

*Q. Will any features be vectorized?*

A. *We are looking into a process to extract features down the road.*

**6. Topics for next meeting**

One potential future topic was proposed: implementation of the ESRI Local Government Data Model. If there is anyone in the group using the model and would be interesting in presenting -or collaborating on a presentation- please contact Ryan Barrett at 404-463-3134 or [rbarrett@atlantaregional.com](mailto:rbarrett@atlantaregional.com).

If there are additional topic ideas please contact Ryan Barrett at 404-463-3134 or [rbarrett@atlantaregional.com](mailto:rbarrett@atlantaregional.com).

**7. Lunch and networking**

**8. Adjourn**